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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Shinji YAMASOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3728

Application No.: 10/019,400

Examiner: John G. Pickett

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: 7388/72545

Confirmation No.: 1864

Customer No.: 42798

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22304

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- a. Previously submitted:
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on ______.
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or
 Reply Brief previously filed on [Appeal Brief filed]
 - □ Other:
- b. Enclosed:

 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Other:

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| 2. | Additional | Items |
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- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of No. of Months Suspension 1.103(c) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required.)
 - \square A petition for extension of time is enclosed.
 - □ A return receipt postcard is enclosed.
 - □ Other:
- □ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27).
- RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) without a claim of small entity status is: \$790.00.
- RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) by an entity claiming small entity status is: _\$395.00_.
- □ A check in the amount of \$ [Check Amount enclosed] is enclosed.
- Charge \$ 790.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 referencing Order No. 7388/72545.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: May 27, 2005

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